

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Monday, June 23, 2014
12:30 p.m.**

Present: Bill Penn, Everett Shorey, Barbara MacMullan. Also present were Cliff McGinnes, Renee Meyer from the Block Island Times and Town Manager Nancy Dodge. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order by Ms. MacMullan at 12:35

A motion was made by Ms. MacMullan and seconded by Mr. Penn to amend the agenda to include a discussion of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Auction Proposals.

Ayes 3 (Penn, Shorey, MacMullan) Nays 0

1. Public Input – none

2. Approval of minutes May 19, 2014 – Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 3 (Penn, Shorey, MacMullan) Nays 0

3. Deepwater Update – Mr. Wilson was not present. He had sent a memo notifying the group that ABS had been selected as a verification agent. Mr. Penn reported that to- date no appeals had been filed with the CRMC for Docket #2012-09-065. Appeals will be accepted until July 13, 2014.

4. Discuss and act on Rural Utilities Grant Program – Mr. McGinnes reported that BIPco is eligible for \$65,000 which they would like to use for Distribution upgrade.

A motion was made by Mr. Penn and seconded by Mr. Shorey to request that the Town Council support BIPco in their efforts to receive this grant.

Ayes 3 (Penn, Shorey, MacMullan) Nays 0

5. Discuss and act on Municipal Electricity Purchasing Options. – There was discussion about:

- REAP – municipalities can buy power
- Detailed research is needed on municipal and residential purchasing of power. When the cable happens are their options for BIPco customers to buy power from other sources?
- What are the State rules that include or exclude BIPco.

These are questions for lawyers or experts in the field. Nancy Dodge will see that the Council has these questions.

6. Discuss and act on Rate Case Issues for Town Council – See attached list – Everett Shorey will make a flow chart for the next meeting.

7. Discuss RIGGI funds – Funds are available to BIPCO for streetlighting. BIPco will supply the Town council with a list of projects they will apply funds to. Nancy Dodge will let the Council know that the EUTG recommends that the Council support BIPco in this effort.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. in a motion by Mr. Penn and seconded by Mr. Shorey and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 7/28/2014

Bonny Ryan